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OF

FITZWILLIAM, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF FITZWILLIAM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

In compliance with the law, the following is respectfully submitted as the annual report of our schools:

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Districts.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages per month including board.	Number of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Boys.	Girls.	Average attendance.	Not absent one-half day.	Tardiness.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Visits by S. S. Committee.	†Visits from citizens and others.
1,	Louisa K. Beard,	$30.00	10	18	10	8	10½	2	1	18	14	13	14	13	2	0	2						3	16
2,	Lizzie M. Weston,	21.00	8	4	1	3	3	0	0	4	4	4	4	3	2	2							3	2
3,	Walter H. Starkey,	27.00	8	19	8	11	16	6	5	19	19	8	16	13	6	0	8			3	6		3	20
4,	Harry A. Shirley,	22.00	10	14	6	8	13	16	2	13	17	17	17	12	1								3	60
P. S.	Helen Bean,	36.00	9	30	8	22	20	13	0	30	30	30	27	17	7		12	14					10	42
G. V.	Anna M. Carter,	28.00	8	17	0	17	6½	2	0	17	17	17	17	7	7	4		1			2		4	13
*6,	Alice W. Merrill,	20.00	9	14	9	5	9	2	15	13	13	8	10	9	5		6			4			4	8
7,	Charles L. Williams,	40.00	12	44	25	19	36½	11	2	44	44	18	25	20	17	1							5	44
8,	M. Agnes Cahill,	22.00	8½	16	8	8	14½	4	1	16	16	8	11	6	3								4	36
9,	Anna L. Brooks,	20.00	9	14	8	6	11½	3	0	14	8	11	17	5	1						1		4	24
10,	Sara T. Perry,	22.00	11	8	3	5	10½	5	0	11	11	9	9	4	1								3	3
11,	Grace M. Cummings,	19.00	10	9	3	6	8½		0	9	9	9	9	6	4	3							3	24
12,																							48	292

* Under supervision of Troy.

† Aside from final examination.

FALL AND WINTER SCHOOLS.

Districts.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages per month including board.	Number of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Boys.	Girls.	Average attendance.	Not absent one half day.	Tardiness.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Visits by S. S. Committee.	†Visits by citizens and others.
1,	Arthur P. French,	$44.00	10	19	15	4	14	4	1	19	19	16	18	11	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	4	4	24
2,	Lizzie M. Weston,	21.00	10	5	3	2	5	0	0	5	5	4	4	3	3	2							2	1
3,	Walter H. Starkey,	29.00	12	21	9	12	19	6	18	21	21	9	17	16	9		8						3	17
4,	Harry A. Shirley,	30.00	10	15	10	5	14	6	1	15	11	10	11	8	2								3	43
P. 5,	Junietta Simonds,	36.00	11	33	8	25	30	16	7	33	33	33	27	7			14	14					8	39
G. 5,	Carrie E. Bigelow,	40.00	20	30	15	15	27	12	6	28	30	15	30	26	6	5	30	2	0	8	7	4	9	46
*6,																								
7,	Flora J. Boyce,	22.00	13	14	9	5	12	2	7	14	13	13	10	9	5								2	10
8,	Charles L. Williams,	40.00	9	53	34	19	44	13	0	53	53	20	30	24	9	2	6						5	21
9,	Rose C. Nichols,	29.00	10	5	5	0	4½	1	0	5	5	4	3	2									3	8
10,	Anna L. Brooks,	22.00	12½	15	10	5	13	2	8	14	8	8	8	8	2				2	6			3	18
11,	Camelia Duren,	26.00	10	13	5	8	12	5	1	13	13	11	13	10	6	1					1	2	5	11
12,	Sara T. Perry,	22.00	13	13	6	7	12½	7	0	13	13	10	10	9	1	2							5	12
																							52	250

*Under supervision of Troy.

†Aside from final examination.

The number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years, as given by the Selectmen April 22, 1882, is as follows: Boys 92, girls 101; total 193.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1882, the town voted to raise and appropriate—

For the support of schools,	$1,800 00
To which was added the Literary fund,	101 91
Town taxes on dogs, 1881,	59 00
C. B. Perry, School Committee, 1879, salary donated to schools,	25 00
Total,	$1,985 91

Apportioned among the several districts as follows:

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

District No. 1, William H. Shirley,	$203 00
" 2, Frank L. Perham,	126 91
" 3, William Merrill,	153 00
" 4, { Anson G. Beebe, Alfred Whitney,	139 00
" 5, John A. Platts,	469 00
" 6, Paid to Troy,	8 00
" 7, Stephen W. Upham,	121 00
" 8, Daniel F. Hayden,	232 00
" 9, Henry H. Wheeler,	138 00
" 10, William E. Holman,	113 00
" 11, Eli Smith,	105 00
" 12, Nahum Green,	123 00
11 Maps of New Hampshire,	55 00
	$1,985 91

The highest wages paid any teacher, $44.00 per month; the lowest, $19.00; average wages per month for male teachers, $32.00; for female teachers, $26.33⅓.

SCHOOL HOUSES AND APPARATUS.

Nine of the eleven school houses in town are now in very good condition and repair; more seats are needed in No. 10, as every seat was occupied during the last term, and the walls of the school-room need painting and papering.

New seats in the Grammar school room of No. 5, and repairs of the floor, stairway, and front entry, would add much to its appearance, and the health, comfort and convenience of the pupils. We would recommend that a code of by-laws be made in every district, framed and suspended in the school rooms, similar to those prepared and adopted by the efficient Committee and Selectmen for the care and preservation of our town hall, and that the Prudential Committee and citizens see that said laws be carried into effect; when this is done we shall find that school property will be less marred and damaged by the carelessness of the scholars.

There is a deficiency of apparatus in our school rooms, one-half of which are not sufficiently supplied with blackboards, and many of them need to be repainted, with simply lampblack and turpentine. No oil or varnish should be mixed in the paint for a blackboard, as the gloss prevents the chalk from readily adhering to the board; a frequent use of them is necessary, and almost every visitation can be made more interesting by their use.

There should be more maps, charts, globes, etc., in order that lessons can be better explained and illustrated. A good clock is very convenient in regulating the time for recess, studies and recitations, and every school-room in town not already supplied should be furnished with one.

As singing and music is now taught and practiced in most of our schools, a melodion, seraphine or organ, (any one of which can now be rented or purchased at a very reasonable price), will add much towards the pleasure derived and instruction given in this valuable and important branch of the education of our children.

If school-rooms are made pleasant and attractive, — the walls hung with maps, charts, pictures, anything to stimulate and interest the child, he will learn to respect and reverence the old school-house in which he acquired his early education.

STATE MAPS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Agreeably to the provisions of an act of the Legislature, approved August 1st, 1878, the Superintending School Com-

mittee and Selectmen, during the past year, purchased eleven maps of the State, one for each school-house, and they have been suspended in each school-room in town, excepting the primary school-room in District No. 5. Considering the ages of the scholars in this department, they did not deem it necessary to place one in that school-room.

WRITTEN COMPOSITION.

The art of expressing thoughts by words can be secured only by constant practice; and that practice may be commenced with success and profit by a majority of the pupils of the age of seven and eight years.

As soon as children are able to write script legibly, they are able to write compositions.

At first only a single sentence may be required.

The topic should always be within the comprehension of the pupil, and one in which they feel interested.

A small card picture presented to a young pupil for a subject of a composition oftentimes suggests an excellent topic to write about.

If the writing of compositions has been neglected by the scholar until he arrives at the age of twelve or sixteen, it is usually the most unwelcome and perplexing of school duties.

With many, after arriving at those ages without any previous experience, every expedient is resorted to to avoid it.

The reason why it is so distasteful is because such scholars having reached an age when conscious of inability to do properly what is required, they shrink from the attempt.

In the younger classes, there should be a daily drill in the structure of sentences, accompanied by suggestions and criticisms on the part of the teacher.

This, of course, will impose much labor on the teacher, but it is essential to success.

The drill should never be tedious, — the topics should be simple descriptions, and full of suggestive incidents.

In this way composition may be made one of the pleasantest exercises of school life.

OBJECT TEACHING.

We cannot too strongly impress upon the parents and teachers the importance of object teaching. We are strongly impressed with the conviction that confining small scholars to the text book has a very bad influence, giving the pupil a distaste for study which it often takes years to outgrow. True object teaching lays the foundation of thoroughness in the elementary principles of education, and induces habits of care, minute observation, and implants in the young mind correct modes of thought and reflection which will follow the pupil through life.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS IN DETAIL.

In the remarks below we have aimed to do justice to all parties. The advancement made in the several branches taught in our schools has not been as great as it ought to have been, yet we are thankful that something has been accomplished.

In one-half of our schools the number of scholars is too few to make a successful school, even under the most favorable circumstances, and our opinion in regard to the necessity of re-districting the town, or of consolidation of the districts, has been fully given and discussed, in former reports, and need not be repeated here.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

SUMMER TERM — Miss Louise K. Beard, Reading, Mass., teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 16¼; tardiness, 1; pupils not absent or tardy, 2.

The district was exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of Miss Beard, as she proved a good disciplinarian, a thorough and energetic teacher. She was a graduate from Normal school, and having been engaged in teaching for several years, fully understood the duties devolving upon her. Her school appeared orderly at all times and made commendable improvement. Your committee was not able to witness the entire examination, but learned from reliable parties who were present that the exercises were good.

ROLL OF HONOR.—George S. Bent, Bessie M. Ellis.

Winter Term—Mr. Arthur P. French, Richmond, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 14⅛; tardiness, 1; number pupils not absent or tardy, 4.

Mr. French is a graduate of Dartmouth, and having been employed successfully as teacher in other parts of the State for several years, we had every reason to anticipate a very profitable term of school under his instruction and management. The first half of the term passed pleasantly and we think profitably. We did not hear any complaint, in fact, until near its close, when it appears that some of the larger pupils opposed the teacher in his efforts to enforce order and proper discipline. Notwithstanding this unfortunate state of things, the classes appeared well at examination, and showed that very fair progress had been made. Had the teacher and scholars been united and worked together throughout the term, much more could have been accomplished.

Roll of Honor. — Chester H. Phillips, Elmer P. Damon, Fred. L. Damon, Grace F. Fife.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer Term — Miss Lizzie M. Weston, teacher, Leominster, Mass. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 4; general average, 3; tardiness, 0; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 0.

Fall Term — Same teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 5; tardiness, 0; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 0.

Both terms passed as pleasantly and may be as profitably as we could expect in a school consisting of 4 or 5 scholars. We believe the teacher had taught school years before, but had abandoned the profession until this opportunity offered. She reports only three visits during the entire school year, aside from the superintending committee.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term — Mr. Walter H. Starkey, teacher, Troy. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 19; average

attendance, 16; tardiness, 5; pupils not absent or tardy, 10.

Winter Term — Same teacher. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 19; tardiness, 18; pupils not absent or tardy, 6.

Both terms of this school were taught successfully by Mr. Starkey. It is one of the most interesting schools that we have in town; is second to no other in point of scholarship; and there are but two containing more scholars. The first class is all that any teacher could reasonably ask — being composed of many large pupils, thoroughly in earnest and ready to perform any task required of them. Excellent progress was made by all classes. The examinations were creditable to both teacher and scholars.

Roll of Honor. Summer — Cora L. Barnes, Adelia C. Burbank, Avis Burbank, Mary L. Dudley, Grace E. P. Holman, Minnie E. L. Stearns, Lillian A. Towne, Herbert Dodge, Eugene H. Coolidge, Willie E. Gilson.

Winter — Cora L. Barnes, Anna L. Burbank, Mary L. Dudley, Minnie E. L. Stearns, Lillian A. Towne, Nellie A. Towne.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer Term — Mr. Harry A. Shirley, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 13; tardiness, 2; pupils not absent or tardy, 6.

Winter Term — Same teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 14; tardiness, 1; pupils not absent or tardy, 6.

The Summer term was Mr. Shirley's first attempt at teaching, and we believe he met with very good success. He was engaged for the Winter term, which bespeaks confidence on the part of the district. This term past off very pleasantly, also; commendable progress was made by all classes,—those in arithmetic, geography and reading, made a good showing at the final examination of last term. Members of the district, with few exceptions, seemed well pleased with the school.

Roll of Honor. Summer—Fannie M. Bebee, Cora B.

Dunton, Nellie C. Reed, Delbert Dunton, Perley Reed, Mabel McGee.

Winter — Cora B. Dunton, Nellie C. Reed, Delbert Dunton, Elwin A. Reed, Perley Reed, R. Brigham Taft.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Grammar Department.

Summer Term — Miss Anna M. Carter, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 7: average attendance, 6½; tardiness, 0; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 2. This was the smallest school taught in this department since our remembrance, and still we noticed the teacher was busy with her pupils all the time. Clearly there was a good deal of work done in the school-room, during the term, by the teacher; and if any one of the few scholars who attended did not accomplish what they should have during the term, the fault was not on the part of the teacher.

Roll of Honor — Minnie B. Byam, Mabel J. Poland.

Fall Term — Miss Carrie E. Bigelow, Jaffrey, teacher. Length of school, 10.2 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 15; tardiness, 1; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 7.

Roll of Honor — Angela D. Annable, Anna R. Platts, John F. Brooks, Walter D. Farrar, Frank C. Platts, John M. Whitney, Mabel J. Poland.

Winter Term — Same teacher. Length of school, 9.4 weeks; number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 27; tardiness, 6; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 12.

Miss Bigelow taught this school one term during the previous year with marked success; and the Prudential Committee was fortunate in securing her services for the Fall and Winter terms of this year, both of which she taught with good results. She is a thorough scholar, and an accomplished and able teacher. The classes in arithmetic, algebra, grammar and physical geography, evinced thorough training.

Roll of Honor — Grace E. Blodgett, Anna L. Brooks, Carrie M. Hall, Anna R. Platts, Mabel J. Poland, Abbie F.

Reed, John F. Brooks, Berthier R. Davis, Stephen M. Farrar, Walter D. Farrar, John N. Godbeer, Fred A. Newton.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Primary Department.

Summer Term—Miss Helen Bean, Boston, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 29; tardiness, 0; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 13.

Miss Bean was a thorough teacher, and her term of school was a success.

Roll of Honor.—Alice L. Annable, Ethel J. Baker, Clara A. Flagg, Nellie M. Flagg, Lizzie Garvey, Lucy W. Mitchell, Edith G. Richardson, Grace C. Richardson, Grace E. Thompson, Nellie A. Thompson, Addie L. Thompson, George W. Barrus, Lester E. Flagg.

Fall Term—Miss Junietta Simonds, teacher. Length of school, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 33; average attendance, 30; tardiness, 7; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 16.

Miss Simonds' has taught this school for several terms before this, and she is too well and favorably known as a teacher to need a word of commendation from the Committee. "Her works do praise her."

Roll of Honor.—Alice L. Annable, Berthier R. Davis, Nellie M. Flagg, Lester E. Flagg, Maud W. Gleason, Fred A. Newton, Frank R. Parker, Mary E. Platts, Ethel J. Baker, Edith E. Emerson, Clara A. Flagg, Lizzie Garvey, Lucy W. Mitchell, Grace M. Potter, Lettie Poland, Carroll Raymond.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer Term — Miss Alice W. Merrill, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 9; tardiness, 15; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 2.

This was Miss Merrill's first term of school. She was well qualified for the situation, and showed a determination to do her best. She labored faithfully and with good

success, and your committee regret that she was not engaged for the next term.

Roll of Honor — Grace Blodgett, Thomas Blodgett.

Winter Term—Miss Flora J. Boyce, Winchester, teacher. Length of school, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 12; tardiness, 7; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 2.

Your committee were not favorably impressed at their first visit: the teacher seemed to lack energy and was confined to much to the text book to make the lessons interesting or profitable. The school showed some progress in arithmetic, at the close.

Roll of Honor — Flora I. Upham, Bertie L. Upham.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer Term — Chas. L. Williams, teacher. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 44; average attendance, 36½; tardiness, 2; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 11.

Roll of Honor — Nellie Roundy, Freddie Bigelow, George Godbeer, Willie Munroe, Chas. Munroe, Willie Perry, Walter Perry, Freddie Simenoe, Eddie Williams, Sammie Williams, Walter Whitcomb.

Winter Term — Chas. L. Williams, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 53; average attendance, 44; tardiness, 0; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 13.

This school was taught during both terms by Mr. Williams, who had taught the school very successfully several terms before. He met with his usual success during both terms this year.

Roll of Honor — Lizzie Godbeer, Eva Ingalls, Elnora C. Lang, Cora Munroe, Nellie Roundy, John Godbeer, George Godbeer, Edgar Holman, Bertie Handy, Harry Kimball, Willie Perry, Walter Perry, Eddie Williams.

DISTRICT NO 9.

Summer Term—Miss M. Agnes Cahill, teacher. Length

of school, 8½ weeks; number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14½; tardiness, 1; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 4.

This was Miss Cahill's first experience as a teacher. She commenced her duties with a determination to succeed, and devoted all her time and energies to the good of the school, which she conducted with much satisfaction to the Committee and the district.

The teacher was energetic and painstaking, and seemed to possess the confidence and esteem of her pupils, and succeeded in interesting them in their studies, and very commendable improvement was the result.

We trust Miss Cahill will again consent to teach in town.

Roll of Honor.—Bertie W. Howard, Leon F. Marshall, Lottie G. Howard, Mary A. Howard.

Fall Term.—Miss Rose C. Nichols, of Keene, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 4½; tardiness, 0; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 1.

The number of scholars attending this term of school, compared with that of the Summer term, was quite small, attributable in part to removals from the district.

A perfect union of feeling did not seem to exist in this district between teacher, pupils and parents; and where this is the case, genuine success of a term of school in all particulars cannot be assured or expected. The teacher appeared to be faithful and untiring in her efforts to promote the improvement of the few pupils who attended the school, and progress was manifest in reading, writing, and geography.

Roll of Honor—Leon F. Marshall.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer Term—Miss Anna L. Brooks, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 11 4-5; tardiness, 9; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 3.

Roll of Honor—Emma M. Evans, Florence M. Turner, Willie A. Byam.

Fall Term—Same teacher. Length of school, 12½ weeks; number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 13; tardiness, 8; number not absent or tardy, 2.

The scholars in this school are nearly all quite young, but among them are some bright promising pupils. In training these little minds to think, and so fitting them for the rapid acquisition of knowledge hereafter, Miss Brooks, without any previous experience, has done a good work in this school. We noticed steady progress through the year. The examinations were both good.

Roll of Honor.—Wallace I. Hardie, Eugene F. Turner.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer Term — Miss Sara F. Perry, teacher. Length of school, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 10½; tardiness, 0; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 7.

Miss Perry has taught this school for several terms acceptably to the district. This term was no exception, — the school appeared well at the close.

Roll of Honor — Ida J. Derby, Lilla A. Derby, Mary E. Derby, Nellie C. Derby, Jessie N. White, Nellie M. White, Edwin H. Derby.

Winter Term — Miss Cornelia Duren, Woburn, Mass, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 12; tardiness, 1; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 5.

This teacher came here highly recommended; was well qualified, active and energetic, devoted to her work, and had her efforts been seconded by the parents of the district, we think she would have had a model school.

Roll of Honor — Nellie C. Derby, Lula J. Smith, Jessie N. White, Edwin Derby, Henry K. Derby.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Summer Term — Miss Grace M. Cummings, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average attend-

ance, $8\frac{1}{3}$; tardiness, 0; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 5.

Without any previous experience, this young teacher gave evidence of zeal and efficiency for the work. Her government was mild, but such as to secure order among her circle of well-disposed pupils. The term closed pleasantly, and at the examination there was abundant proof that the term had been a profitable one.

Roll of Honor—Edna L. Dayton, Sarah E. Green, Herbert O. Smith, Charles S. Smith, George M. Whitcomb.

Fall Term—Miss Sara T. Perry, teacher. Length of school, 5 weeks; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, $12\frac{1}{2}$; tardiness, 0; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 7.

Roll of Honor.—Ida L. Smith, Sadie E. Green, Kate M. Green, Charles E. Smith, Edith L. Whitcomb, Freddie E. Whitcomb, Herbert O. Smith.

Winter Term—Same teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 10; tardiness, 0; number of pupils not absent or tardy, 8.

Miss Perry has had considerable experience as a teacher in other districts in this town, and she fully maintained her reputation as a faithful and efficient instructor in this school. The order and discipline was good. The little primary reading class made very rapid progress; and the classes in geography and arithmetic appeared very well at the close of the Winter term.

Roll of Honor.—Sarah E. Green, Kate M. Green, Addie M. Grant, Ida L. Smith, Edith L. Whitcomb, Walter Grant, Bertie O. Smith, Charles E. Smith.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF FITZWILLIAM, N. H.

Adopted April 1, 1881,

BY THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1st. The Schools shall be opened punctually at 9 A. M. and 1 P. M., and closed at 12 M. and at 4 P. M. Children in the A B C classes may be dismissed after two hours' attendance at each session.

2d. The roll shall be called immediately after the commencement of each session, and a portion of the Scriptures shall be read each morning after roll-call, and the Committee recommend the repetition of the Lord's Prayer by the teacher and pupils in concert, and singing at least once each half day.

3d. Obedience to the teacher is required, faithful attention to studies, and all whispering without permission, forbidden.

4th. All pupils older than six years shall practice writing.

5th. Rhetorical exercises. One declamation, recitation or composition shall be given by each scholar once a week.

6th. Teachers are required to give oral instruction in outline geography; in grammar, the parts of speech, and conjugation of verbs; in arithmetic, the tables to be committed to memory; in one of these branches, at least five minutes each day.

7th. Scholars shall not mark, deface, or damage anything in or about the school house; and they shall not engage in boisterous conduct, nor use vulgar, obscene or profane language.

8th. Teachers shall govern and instruct their pupils with-

out partiality; shall inculcate the principles of morality, a sacred regard for justice, truth, love of country, punctuality, benevolence, industry, sobriety, chastity, cleanliness, neatness and love of order.

9th. Teachers shall look after cases of tardiness and supposed truancy, and may require written excuses from parents and guardians.

10th. Teachers shall notify parents and guardians of the wants of their children in books or materials to successfully prosecute their studies; and if not supplied in one week shall notify the Superintending Committee.

11th. The laws of the State make scholars responsible to their teachers in going to and from school when not under the care of parents or guardians.

12th. Holidays. The following named holidays only shall be granted to the schools: viz., Decoration day, (May 30); Election day, (first Wednesday in June,) biennially when the same occurs; Fourth day of July; Christmas day; New Year's, (Jan. 1); Washington's birthday, (Feb. 22). All schools will be closed on Fast and Thanksgiving days.

13th. Text Books. No new text books shall be introduced by the teachers, or used in the schools, excepting those named in the list published in the last annual report, without the consent of the board of Superintending School Committee.

14th. The law requires teachers to return their registers to the Superintending Committee, and get a certificate therefor, before receiving their pay. Prudential Committees are forbidden to pay teachers for their services until such certificate is procured and delivered to the Prudential Committees. See Chap. 5, Sec. 33, Page 89, Digest of School Laws.

15th. Teachers are required to observe and enforce these regulations, and read them to their pupils at the commencement of every term.

Per Order of Committee.

Received and recorded in Town Records, April 23, 1881.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS.

The New Testament; Worcester's Dictionary.
Readers—The Franklin, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th.
Spellers—Swinton's Word Book Series.
Writing Books—Spencerian Series.
Arithmetics—Bradbury's Eaton's Elementary, and Practical, Eaton's High School, and Colburn's Mental.
Geographies—Harper's Introductory and School.
Grammar—Quackenbos' English and Primary.
Histories—Quackenbos' and Goodrich's.
Algebras—Davies' and Robinson's.
Physiology—Steele's and Cutter's.
Book-Keeping—Mayhew's.
Drawing—Krusi's Series.

CONCLUSION.

Our schools, during the past year, as a whole have shown a good degree of proficiency, — yet there is still room for improvement, especially in some of the schools, in the matter of discipline.

We have noticed that in those schools where the parents, teacher and scholars (to use a homely expression) "have pulled together," the best work has been accomplished.

Parents have a very important part to perform: much of the promptness and regularity of attendance as well as encouragement in well doing, depends upon them. They should see to it therefore that their children are at school every day, and in season; that at the close of the term they may have the satisfaction of knowing that their children's names will appear on the Roll of Honor, and be published in the annual report of the town.

This of itself to some may seem of little consequence, but they should consider that promptness generally insures success in any business or avocation of life.

In closing our labors for the year, we would tender our thanks to the Prudential Committee of the several districts, parents and friends and all others who have shown an interest for the best good of our schools, for upon them depends the education of the masses.

Believing our school system to be one of the most essential safeguards of American liberty, we trust our citizens will continue to provide generously and wisely for this most important factor of modern civilization, and our highest welfare in every regard.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL KENDALL,
A. R. GLEASON,
AMOS J. BLAKE,
Superintending School Committee.

Fitzwilliam, N. H., March 1, 1883.

REPORT OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWN LIBRARY,
MARCH 1, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, March 1, 1882,	$66 14
Membership fees,	9 00
Books by the day,	4 31
Fines,	1 82
Catalogues,	75
Town order for record book,	3 50
	$85.52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for books purchased of Estes & Lauriat and others,	$57 41
Express on books,	70
Stationery and postage,	68
Paid W. H. Spalter, for record book,	3 50
Cash on hand, March 1, 1883,	23 23
	$85 52

We acknowledge great satisfaction in being able to report that the interest in our Town Library has not abated during the past year, but has increased, notwithstanding the fact that our citizens have not held a levee as has been the custom for several years, to secure funds for the purchase of books. In our last report we acknowledged the amount of our last levee, which occured February 22nd, 1882. Most of the proceeds of that levee was expended early in the season, for new books, thus affording us some new reading matter during the year, but not nearly enough to meet the demands of our readers. If we would have our library rank next to our public schools, in the education of our children as well as our citizens generally, we must put upon our library shelves new and interesting books each year. The library is already the pride of our town and townspeople, but unless new books

are supplied in some way, from time to time, it will of course be impossible to sustain it and keep up an interest. How to obtain books hereafter to supply the demand is an important question for our citizens to decide. Many towns make an appropriation each year for the purchase of a limited number of books. If our town will do the same, if but a small sum, the prosperity of our library, in our opinion, will be assured. Can we raise and appropriate money for a more laudable object?

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations: —

One book from A. L. Munroe;

Annual Report of N. H., 1881;

Journal of the House and Senate of N. H., June Session, 1881;

Annual Report of Board of Education, State of Connecticut, for 1881;

Annual Reports of State of New Hampshire, for 1882, including the Reports of the Treasurer, Bank Commissioners, Insurance Commissioner, Railroad Commissioners, Fish Commissioners, State Librarian, Adjutant General, State Prison, Asylum for the Insane, Industrial School, State Normal School, and of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Number of books in town library, March 1st, 1883,	1574
Unitarian library, (Connected with town library,)	412
Total books in library,	1986
New books purchased during the year,	41
Number of books issued during the year,	3700

In concluding our annual report, we would again remind our citizens that our library is a legitimate offspring of the town, and if we would have it retain its present influence as an educational institution, we must still be vigilant in its management, and liberal in its support.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. R. GLEASON, *Librarian.*

AMOS J. BLAKE.
A. R. GLEASON,
Supervisors of Town Library.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, AS BY INVOICE TAKEN APRIL 1, 1882.

285 polls, $100 each,	$28,500 00
Real estate, resident,	271,160 00
Real estate, non-resident,	65,815 00
235 horses,	14,750 00
90 oxen,	5,737 00
459 cows,	13,437 00
173 other neat stock,	3,413 00
59 sheep,	329 00
Hogs,	111 00
Carriages,	2,385 00
Stock in public funds,	12,020 00
Stock in banks,	3,600 00
Money on hand or at interest,	21,741 00
Stock in trade,	21,826 00
Mills and machinery,	10,400 00
	$475,224 00

Rate of taxation, $1.25 per hundred dollars.

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAX.

State tax,	$1,180 00
County tax,	862 41
Schools,	1,800 00
Town charges and bond,	500 00
Town History,	500 00
Repairing town hall,	200 00
New highway,	300 00
Bell and hanging,	287 39

Repairing library room,	$50 00
Decoration day, 1881,	20 75
Decoration day, 1882,	40 00
Rent on reservoir dam,	5 00
Surplusage on above,	188 97
School District No. 3,	20 00
" " No. 8,	25 00
" " No. 11,	40 00
Surplusage on above,	3 51
Tax on dogs,	62 00
Non-resident highway tax,	272 66
Committed to O. L. Brock for collection,	$6,357 69

We have drawn 110 orders on the Town Treasurer, amounting to $5,313.32, making payment as follows:—

EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	$203 00
" " 2,	126 91
" " 3,	153 00
" " 4,	139 00
" " 5,	469 00
" " 6,	8 00
" " 7,	121 00
" " 8,	232 00
" " 9,	138 00
" " 10,	113 00
" " 11,	105 00
" " 12,	123 00
11 Maps of New Hampshire,	55 00
	$1,985 91
Included in the above, raised by tax,	1,800 00
Literary fund,	101 91
Tax on dogs, 1881,	59 00
C. B. Perry, School Committee, 1879, salary donated to schools,	25 00
	$1,985 91

SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Number 4, paid Alfred Whitney, 1881,		$75 00
" 3, " Daniel Burbank,	1882,	20 00
" 7, " Charles H. Forristall,	"	10 00
" 8, " Daniel F. Hayden,	"	25 00
" 11, " Fred E. Pierce,	"	40 00
		$170 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Whittemore, printing town reports, 1882,	$59 20
" printing for town library,	22 45
D. H. Reed, land damage, new road,	10 00
" postage,	1 64
" 71 crows,	7 10
T. B. Burns, expenses at Keene twice,	2 50
Whittemore, printing town house notices,	2 50
" bill heads for library,	1 00
" Collector's and Surveyors' books, etc.,	2 55
" express on Reports,	55
" stationery,	61
Town House, cutting and getting in wood,	4 38
M. W. Flagg, fixing lock,	10
J. M. Parker, oil, chimneys, etc., town house,	10 92
Edward Lavoice, one sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
" one scale book,	2 50
" brick and sand and drawing same,	15 30
Town House, repairing chimney and roof,	42 61
" frames for notices,	4 50
" legal advice,	1 00
M. Wilson, 4¼ cords wood for town house,	21 25
J. M. Parker, oil, chimneys, etc.,	13 74
E. M. Bent, cutting and getting in wood,	4 37
" one load splints,	1 50
A. J. Blake, express, postage, etc.,	1 75
Etta E. Gleason, repairing library books,	5 00
A. R. Gleason, care of library room,	10 00
" record book for library,	3 50

A. R. Gleason, births and deaths,	$5 00
C. L. Haskell, ringing bell 11 months,	12 84
N. T. Byam, repairs on town house,	2 50
" carrying in brick,	50
E. G. Annable, births and deaths,	3 50
A. J. Blake, balance on maps of N. H.,	11 00
M. W. Flagg, care of town clock,	15 00
O. K. Wheelock, drawing boards,	25
Teams on town business,	32 00
6 check lists,	1 00
	$340 11

HIGHWAYS.

Nahum Green, breaking road, 1882,	$ 9 22
T. B Burns, labor on road, 1881 and 1882,	4 00
William Dunton, "	1 60
William Lebourveau, " 1882,	2 96
Timothy Blodgett, breaking road, 1882,	7 65
James P. Mathews, " " "	4 44
A. G. Beebe, labor on road. 1882,	24 05
Moses A. Allen, " " "	3 15
Henry C. White, breaking road, 1882,	8 91
Fred E. Peirce, labor on " "	6 05
Ira L. Morse breaking " "	50 00
Caleb G. Cox, " " "	2 77
Phinehas Whitcomb, labor Grant hill,	15 84
W. E. Holman, breaking road, 1883,	3 11
Fred E. Peirce, " "	5 56
	$149 31

APPROPRIATIONS OF THE TOWN.

Building new road, T. B. Burns,	$300 00
Repairing town hall, J. E. Fisher,	204 59
" library room, A. J. Blake,	63 34
Bell and hanging, S. Batcheller,	301 05
Decoration 1881, A. J. Blake,	20 75
Decoration 1882, O. L. Brock,	40 00
	$929 73

BRIDGES.

A. G. Beebe, plank and stringers,	$4 59
E. L. Stone, plank,	32 31
Albert Hayden, stringers Handy bridge,	36 00
W. E. Holman, plank and stringers,	3 96
	$76 86

TOWN PAUPERS.

A. W. Davis, board Ivers Emerson,	$22 00
A. R. Gleason, medicine, "	35
T. B. Burns, board, "	203 66
T. B. Burns, clothing, "	3 68
	$229 69
T. B. Burns, wood, Mrs. Tamer Davis,	$26 31
E. L. Stone, " " "	6 00
	$32 31
O. K. Wheelock, wood, White family,	$6 00
T. B. Burns, " " "	4 13
Densel Boyce, " " "	8 50
E. L. Stone, " " "	3 00
A. Hayden, " " "	8 00
D. F. White, fitting wood, " "	4 25
T. B. Burns, merchandise, " "	4 23
C. B. Perry, " " "	10 13
J. M. Parker, " " "	20 30
	$68 54
D. H. Reed, wood, Paul Handy,	$4 00
E. L. Stone, " " "	2 75
M. Wilson, " " "	3 75
A. Hayden, " " "	10 00
H. Derby, " " "	14 00
C. B. Perry, merchandise, Paul Handy,	35 00
E. G. Annable, medicine, " "	2 00
	$71 50

E. M. Bent, car fare, Mrs. George Brassaw,		$4 80
A. S. Wilson, board, Nettie H. Bemis,		$15 00
N. H. Asylum, " " "		123 48
E. G. Annable, car fare and attendance to Concord,		9 75
J. M. Parker, clothing, " "		9 76
E. G. Annable, prof. services, " "		7 00
		$164 99
Total Town Pauper expense,	$571 83	

NOTE. — Of this amount, George L. Bemis has paid the Town Treasurer forty-three dollars and fifty-seven cents.

COUNTY POOR.

George Brassaw,	$25 00

REPORT OF FIREWARDS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1883.

PROPERTY.

4 firemen's badges, 1 Hunneman engine, 1 hose carriage, 300 feet cotton, rubber-lined hose, 300 ft. cotton, lined hose, in good order; 100 ft. leather hose, old and nearly worthless; 4 pieces suction hose, old, but in good condition; 12 spanners, 12 spanner belts, 3 axes, 3 lanterns, 1 monkey wrench, 1 oiler, 1 saddle for suction hose, 2 neck yokes, 1 pair whiffletrees, 1 hoisting jack, 1 sprinkler, 1 sponge, 4 hanging lamps, 6 fire buckets, 1 fire hook, 1 bell and frame from old engine, 2 stoves and pipe, one-half cord wood, 2 settees, 3 straps.

EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING FIRE DEPARTMENT,

FOR THE YEAR 1882.

5 Firewards,	$ 15 00
Enginemen,	117 00
J. Boyd, repairing hose,	27 75
Repairs on dam,	28 15
Lease of reservoir,	10 00
1 whiffletree,	75
Steward's bill,	9 46
Paid Engine Co. for services at Cahill's fire,	4 20
	$212 31

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. CUMMINGS, *Chief.*

LEONARD BYAM, *Clerk.*

TOWN OFFICERS.

C. D. Bigelow, Auditor,	$ 2 00
Daniel Whitcomb, for Supervisors, Spring,	12 00
L. Richardson, " Fall,	12 00
Services of Selectmen to March 14,	11 00
Daniel F. Hayden, Sexton,	26 69
J. M. Parker, Town Treasurer,	20 00
J. M. Parker, Moderator, Spring,	2 00
A. J. Blake, " Fall,	2 00
School Committee,	75 00
Etta E. Gleason, Librarian,	20 00
N. T. Byam, Agent for Town House,	52 00
Selectmen,	268 25
Town Clerk,	40 95
O. L. Brock, Collector of Taxes,	50 00
	$593 89

RECAPITULATION.

Schools,	$1,985 91
School House Taxes,	170 00
Miscellaneous,	340 11
Highways,	149 31
Appropriations of Town,	929 73
Bridges,	76 86
Town Paupers,	571 83
County Paupers,	25 00
Town Officers,	593 89
Firewards,	212 31
Non-Resident Highway work,	44 79
Discount,	177 28
Abated on Brock, 1880,	4 98
" Wilson, 1881,	11 80
" Brock, 1882,	19 52
	$5,313 32

SETTLEMENT WITH O. L. BROCK, COLLECTOR FOR 1880.

Due the town, March 1, 1882,		$8 99
Of this amount he has paid Town Treasurer	$4 01	
Abated,	4 98	
		$8 99

SETTLEMENT WITH MELVIN WILSON, COLLECTOR FOR 1881.

Due the town, March 1, 1882,		$122 25
Of this amount he has paid the Town Treasurer	$93 43	
Abated,	11 80	
Non-resident highway worked,	11 07	
A. S. Wilson's tax, turned on Nettie Bemis' board,	5 95	
		$122 25

SETTLEMENT WITH O. L. BROCK, COLLECTOR FOR 1882.

Assessed and committed for collection,		$6,357 69
Abated,	$19 52	
Non-resident highway worked,	33 72	
Discount,	177 28	
Paid Town Treasurer,	5,531 41	
		5,761 93
Due the town, March 1st, 1883,		$595 76

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due the town history fund,	$500 00
Due the asylum, 4½ weeks' board, Nettie Bemis,	34 00
	$534 00

ASSETS.

Money in town treasury,	$182 25
Due from State, bounty on hawks, in July, 1881,	60
Due " " " crows, 1881,	1 20
Due " " " crows, 1882,	7 10

Due from the collector of 1882,	$595 76
790 bricks,	11 85
Due from County,	25 00
	$823 76
Amount of assets above liabilities,	$289 76

Respectfully submitted,

ELISHA M. BENT,
THOMAS B. BURNS,
WILLIAM H. SHIRLEY,
Selectmen of Fitzwilliam.

Fitzwilliam, March 2, 1883.

We, the subscribers, having examined the foregoing report of the Selectmen, certify that we find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

CHARLES D. BIGELOW,
CALVIN B. PERRY,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL AGENT.

The Agent of the Town Hall respectfully presents to the town the following report, to March 1, 1883:

1882.

Hall opened 68 times for the Band meetings,		free.
15 times for the Farmers' and Mechanics' Club,		"
April 15,	J. W. Paterson's lecture,	"
May 30,	Decoration Day,	"
Oct. 26,	Ossian Ray, lecture,	"
31,	Gen. S. G. Griffin, lecture,	"
Nov. 1,	Gov. Charles H. Bell, lecture,	"
4,	Republican Caucus,	"
20,	Blind man's concert,	"
July 2,	Dr. S. Cummings' funeral,	"
15 Unitarian meetings,		$ 15 00
5 Dancing schools in 1882,		9 50
Old Folks' rehearsals and concert,		11 00
April 14,	Nutting & McColley, ball,	5 00
17,	Madam Ricard, readings,	2 00
June 30,	Dan Douglas, exhibition,	3 00
July 27,	Social dance,	3 00
Aug. 10,	Orthodox annual fair and rehearsal,	6 00
23,	Comical Brown's concert,	3 50
25,	Costume dance,	3 00
Sept. 1,	S. Stratton's Uncle Tom's Cabin,	3 50
Oct. 3,	Merrill Family, concert. Paid by J. M. Parker,	3 00
Nov. 7,	Wilkins, ball,	5 00
13,	Guy Family, exhibition,	3 50
16,	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forristall,	3 00

Nov. 22, Blind man's concert,	$2 00
Dec. 13 and 14. Whitney Family,	5 00
12 Dancing schools,	36 00
Tennesseeans' concert,	2 00
Fellowship meetings, Orth. society,	1 00
Firemen's ball, free,	0 00
	$125 00

EXPENSES OF TOWN HALL.

J. M. Parker, oil, chimneys, &c.,	$18 28
M. Wilson, wood,	21 25
E. M. Bent, cutting and getting in wood,	5 38
E. M. Bent, 1 load splints,	1 50
N. T. Byam, cutting wood,	3 37
N. T. Byam, services as agent,	52 00
	$100 78

Net income, $24 22

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN T. BYAM,
Agent of Town Hall.

Fitzwilliam, March 1, 1883.

Amount of money raised and committed to the Highway Surveyors for the year 1881, as follows: —

District No.			
1.	Jonas Damon,		$90 35
2.	Winslow Phillips,		45 72
3.	Caleb G. Cox,		45 41
4.	Daniel W. Firmin,		71 70
5.	William Lebourveau,		98 66
6.	Charles H. Gowen,		67 68
7.	Addison A. Marshall,		66 20
8.	William Lebourveau,		35 10
9.	Timothy Blodgett,		50 18
10.	Henry H. Wheeler,		42 73
11.	Charles Byam,		102 60
12.	Dustin A. Gee,		34 13
13.	Thomas B. Ingell,		33 55
14.	Ira L. Morse,		41 12
15.	Norman U. Cahill,		97 16
16.	Anson G. Beebe,		31 78
17.	Leonard Byam,		24 38
18.	Oliver K. Wheelock,		104 46
19.	Horatio N. Fairbanks,		50 87
20.	Thomas B. Burns,		61 33
21.	Henry C. White,		94 62
22.	Otis Hayden,	(not settled)	68 42
23.	Frederic E. Peirce,		24 77
24.	William Dunton,		6 51
25.	Albert Hayden,		51 41
26.	James Holman,		21 75
27.	Melvin Wilson,	(not settled)	45 54
28 and 29.	Moses A. Allen,		43 71
30.	William E. Holman,		108 76
31.	Nahum Green,		35 52

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, March 1st, 1882,	$76 17
O. L. Brock, collector, 1882,	5,761 39
O. L. Brock, " 1880,	8 99
Melvin Wilson, " 1881,	122 25
County pauper account,	8 00
B. F. Potter, town hall,	5 50
G. L. Bemis,	43 57
W. H. Shirley, highway tax paid,	2 97
E. M. Bent, " "	7 09
W. H. Shirley, overdrawn,	1 10
N. T. Byam, town hall,	125 00
O. K. Wheelock, grass on common,	1 50
O. K. Wheelock, hay scales,	29 00
O. K. Wheelock, overdrawn,	6 12
B. F. Cummings, brick,	3 20
Railroad tax dividend,	119 83
Literary fund,	117 76
Savings bank tax dividend,	1,407 09
	$7,846 98

DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,	$1,180 00
County tax,	862 41
Town bond matured,	300 00
Coupon,	9 00
110 orders of Selectmen,	5,313 32
Cash on hand,	182 25
	$7,846 98

The amount the collector was ordered to pay,	$6,357 69
The amount he has paid,	5,761 93
Due from the collector,	$595 76

JOHN M. PARKER,
Town Treasurer.

Fitzwilliam, March 2, 1883.

We, the subscribers, having examined the foregoing report of the Town Treasurer, certify that we find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

CHARLES D. BIGELOW,
CALVIN B. PERRY,
Auditors.